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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peterson, et al.)	Examiner: Jason L. Lazorcik
Serial No.: 10/813,107)	Art Unit: 1791
Filed: March 30, 2004)	Deposit Acct. No.: 04-1403
Title: Process For Producing Smoking Articles) With Reduced Ignition Proclivity Characteristics) And Products Made According To Same)		Customer ID: 22827
		Conf. No.: 5544

POINTS OF DISCUSSION FOR INTERVIEW

November 13, 2009

Commissioner of Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Lazorcik:

Thank you for agreeing to meet with me for a personal interview on Monday, November 16, 2009. It is my understanding that you are located in the Remsen Building. One of the inventors, Tom Kraker, will be with me for the interview. We will be at your office at 1:30pm. If you need to change the time on Monday, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be staying at the King Street Station Embassy Suites.

During the interview, I would like to discuss the evidence we have previously submitted in the file wrapper. For instance, we would like to discuss the Peterson reference in relation to the NIST publications that were previously submitted.

At this point, we intend to file a Request for Continued Examination. During the interview, we would like to discuss possibly submitting one or more declarations that will include further evidence to show non-obviousness of the claimed subject matter. Mr. Kraker will also discuss the benefits and advantages of products made in accordance with the currently pending claims. He will also be able to explain the differences between permeability and Burn Mode Index.

I look forward to meeting you in person on Monday. Again, if there are any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

DORITY & MANNING, P.A.

Timothy A. Cassidy